

LONGING FOR A KING



a study in 1 Samuel



Today's Worship Service

PRAISE

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. (Psalm 29:2)

Call To Worship

“10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)”

“Desert Song”

Welcome & Announcements

Josh Poore, Director of Worship Arts

New Member Introductions

Psalm 34:1-10

Myrin, Redman

Fraser

RENEWAL

As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:12)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Grace

“Holy Spirit”

“Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us”

Offering

“Untitled Hymn (Come To Jesus)”

Rice

Psalm 57:1-2

Psalm 57:3;9-11

Getty, Townend

Martin, Thrupp

PROCLAMATION

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. (Psalm 25:4)

Reading of the Word

1 Samuel 21:1-9 & 22:11-23

Reader: This is God's Word for us today.

All: Thanks be to God.

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

(Psalm 63:3)

“Wonderful Merciful Savior”

Benediction

Rodgers, Wyse

Pastor Mike Matheson

Sermon Review Discussion Questions

These questions are for *after* the sermon and can be used for Life Group discussion, one-to-one discipleship, or personal reflection and application.

Chapters 21 and 22 of 1st Samuel give us a view of the first events of David's life as a fugitive of King Saul. There is nothing glamorous or attractive about the circumstances that David is going through but we can see God's hand in all of it from our vantage point. Stories like these should bring us encouragement that God is always in control and will bring ultimate good through all events to his people.

Discussion Questions

1. Read Hannah's prayer again in 1 Samuel 2:1-10. In what ways have we seen her words come true throughout the course of the book so far? What does her prayer have to do with this week's text?
2. In the first part of chapter 21, we see how God provides for David through Ahimelech the priest. What does it mean to trust in the Lord's provision? What does God provide for his people? For what reason? How has God provided for you in the past?
3. David recognizes that God was protecting him as he acted insane to escape the Philistines. Why would it have been easy for David to take credit? Why is it that we often fail to recognize this truth in our own lives? What has God protected you from?
4. Consider the people that come to find refuge with David in the cave of Adullam in 22:1-2. What type of people does God bring to his Anointed? What does this tell us about how God sees people? What implications does this have for the church?
5. In chapter 22, Ahimelech pays the ultimate price for his standing with God's Anointed. What does a story like this teach us about faithfulness and suffering? How often does suffering come up when you talk about following Jesus? How can the gospel get obscured when we leave suffering completely out of the equation?

In-Sermon Focus Questions

These questions are designed to keep you engaged during the sermon.

1. Who is the first person that David encounters in our passage and how does God use him to provide for David?
2. Why does David pretend to be mad?
3. When David escapes to a cave, who gathers with him there?
4. What does this unsettling persecution reveal to us?
5. Where does Abiathar flee to when he escapes?

Sermon Notes

Preacher: Pastor Mike Matheson

Sermon: Safe in the Shepherd's Arms

Scripture: [1 Samuel 21:1-22:23](#)

Date: June 9, 2019

For more information on this topic look into:

1&2 Samuel: A 12-Week Study. (Knowing the Bible series) by Ryan Kelly

1 Samuel For You by Tim Chester

1 Samuel: Looking on the Heart by Dale Ralph Davis

Next Week's Sermon Preparation

These questions are for personal use during the week to help you prepare for next week's passage, [1 Samuel 23-24](#).

Context

1. What has happened so far in the narrative? Have there been any major events, characters, or themes?
2. What has happened just prior to the section you are reading?

Observation

1. What do you learn about the main characters in this section? How does the author describe them? How do they describe themselves?
2. Is time or place significant in the events that happen in the passage?
3. Is there a conflict or high point in the passage?
4. Do you think there is a main point or theme in this section of the story?
5. What surprises are there?

Meaning

1. Are there any 'editorial' comments from the author about the events in the narrative? How do these comments illuminate what is happening?
2. Does someone in the narrative learn something or grow in some way? How? What does this person learn?
3. How does the passage point forward to what God is going to do in the future? Does it prophesy or anticipate Jesus Christ in some way?
4. How could you sum up the meaning of this passage in your own words?

Application

1. How does this passage challenge your understanding about who God is and what he is like?
2. Is there some attitude you need to change?

Adapted from: *One to One Bible Reading, A Simple Guide for Every Christian*
by David Helm (Available at the Grace Book Cart)

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Pancake Breakfast - TODAY!

Enjoy a hot breakfast and support the team heading to South Africa to work with the Rebros!

Craig & Brenda Rebro

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Having resided in Racine, Craig and Brenda Rebro call Grace Church home. In 2014 the Rebro family moved to South Africa to follow God's calling. Craig & Brenda are the executive directors of Sinani. They have four children: Aly in America 27, Alec 20, Sydney 18, Andrew 15. With Sinani, their mission is to mobilize, encourage, and equip the church to minister to the spiritual and physical needs of orphans, vulnerable communities, and widows. They provide support, channel generosity, and resources to those that desperately need it. They are a voice for orphans, vulnerable communities, and widows. We will give you more of an update on the Rebros when they visit in the months to come!



Pancake Breakfast - TODAY!

Enjoy a hot breakfast and support the team heading to South Africa to work with the Rebros! Begins immediately after the conclusion of today's service!

Membership & Baptism Class

Put down roots, grow in your faith, become a part of the family! We'd love to have you join us in membership at Grace.

- Meets: Saturday, June 22, 9am-Noon
- Next Baptism Opportunity:
Sunday, July 14th
- Register at graceinracine.com

Vacation Bible School

15 days until VBS!!

June 24 - 28, 9am - Noon

Registration is now open at

graceinracine.com/vbs/

Register your child for VBS and encourage others to attend as well. VBS is for kids who are currently in grades K-5th grade.

Bible Brunch Ministry

(Grace Seniors 50+)

End of year celebration cookout!

Thursday, June 13th at Noon!

RSVP to Barbara Scott at the Info Center after service or by calling 262-886-8711 to indicate what food you would like to bring.

A Stitch In Kind (knitting and crochet group) will meet on Thursday, June 13th at 2:00 in the prayer room.

Sunday Morning Refreshments!

We are in need of life groups/families/group of friends to provide and serve treats on Sunday Mornings on the following dates:

JULY 28, AUG. 25, SEPT. 22, OCT. 27, NOV. 24, DEC. 22.

Contact Diana Nelson if available.

diana.nelson54@sbcglobal.net

If you have something that is weighing you down today, please come down front and we will pray with you. You can also share your request on the connection card and our prayer team will lift you up to the Lord.

*Are you hurting? Everyone needs help from time to time. We're here to help.
Contact the Care Team at 632.2111, care@graceinracine.com*

Due to the size of our church, we're not always aware of every need. Please help us by sending life updates to care@graceinracine.com. We would love to encourage you and pray.

Last Week: Sanctuary Attendance: 553 Children's Ministry Attendance: 79

Giving: Last Week: \$20,439 YTD: \$680,159 +/- Budget: -\$32,325